

Draft Minutes  
**Nevada State Emergency Response Commission**  
Funding Committee Meeting  
Cooperative Extension Conference Room  
2621 Northgate Lane, #12  
Carson City, Nevada  
September 27, 2005

**Members Present**

Richard Brenner  
Larry Farr  
John Helmreich  
Susan Crowley

**Guests**

Cathy Ludwig  
Carolyn Levering  
Kathy Brady  
John Gillenwater

**Staff**

Karen Kennard  
Bruce Ferrel  
Cheryl Folkers  
Glade Myler

**I. Call To Order**

Richard Brenner, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m.

**II. Introduction**

Members, guests and staff introduced themselves as shown above.  
Richard Brenner made a presentation to Cheryl Folkers for her service to the SERC.

**III. Old Business**

**A. Approval of June 15, 2005, meeting minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2005 meeting was made by Susan Crowley, seconded by Larry Farr and approved unanimously.

**IV. New Business**

**A. Discussion/Review/Recommendation of fiscal year 2005 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) “mid-cycle” grant application from Esmeralda LEPC**

After review of the “mid-cycle” grant application, Ms. Crowley motioned to accept the Planning and Training Subcommittees recommendation to fund the grant with the exception of the gas masks and filters using the 2005 HMEP funds. John Helmreich seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**B. Discussion/Review/Recommendation of fiscal year 2006 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant applications**

Carolyn Levering, Chair of the Planning and Training Subcommittee, stated the Subcommittee is recommending approval based on staff’s recommendation to fund grants based on two people per car and two people per room. There was discussion on Lincoln County LEPC’s application. The Subcommittee made recommendation Lincoln LEPC could use their operations grant to pay for attendance of Marge Gunn to the NASTTPO conference. The subcommittee recommended White Pine LEPC’s request for “FIRERESCUE” training be denied as it is not appropriate for the HMEP grant. The Subcommittee also recommended denial of the Fire Marshal’s application stating the first priority of these funds is to support the first responders. There was concern from LEPC representatives that funding the Fire Marshal’s request would take funds away from the local first responders. Ms. Crowley motioned to recommend to the SERC to approve grants as recommended by staff and the Planning and Training Subcommittee and deny Lincoln LEPC’s request for attendance to NASTTPO, White Pine LEPC’s request for Firerescue, and the Fire Marshal’s entire application. Also, LEPCs who are still not in compliance will have to be in compliance before a grant is awarded. The 2005 HMEP grant funds will be

used first. If there is not enough HMEP funds to cover the funding, SERC funds will be used to make up the difference. Mr. Helmreich seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**V. Public Comments**

Karen Kennard, Executive Director of SERC, stated there is an interactive hazardous material's orientation disc for grades 1-3 called "Fire Pal". In conjunction with NASTTPO, SERCs throughout the country may be able to purchase the copyright to the program. After discussion, the Funding Committee expressed their interest and requested this issue be agendaized for the next SERC meeting.

Mr. Farr commented on the duties of the Planning and Training Subcommittee. He expressed concerns of duplicative effort and reiterated the Subcommittee's function is to verify the LEPC request is consistent with their level of response. He stated the Subcommittee should not be concerned with the money aspect of the grant requests.

**VI. Adjournment**

Mr. Farr motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m.